

# Power companies may settle for existing right of way in order to complete the proposed Susquehanna-Roseland power line

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The Susquehanna-Roseland line is scheduled to cut through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Instead of waiting until 2012 for an answer from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, PPL Electric Utilities and New Jersey's Public Service Electric & Gas may proceed with the Susquehanna-Roseland power line using the existing 100-foot right of way through the park.

The path would be the most narrow along the 130-mile stretch from Berwick, Pa., to Roseland, N.J., but the companies could accommodate the nearly 200-foot-tall towers by placing them closer together, according to PPL spokesman Paul Wirth.

## Should the Susquehanna-Roseland project move forward on the existing, narrow right of way through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area?

- Yes, the project should be fast-tracked
- No, wait until 2012 for an answer from the park service

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**"We're convinced from an engineering standpoint we could build the line on a right of way of that size,"** Wirth said of the 100-foot width. **"It remains to be seen if that would affect the timeline at all."**

A spokeswoman from the National Park Service declined to comment. The power companies have indicated that waiting for the lengthy review process would delay completion of the project until 2014.

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